



Sherman Ceyland Kelley

January 26, 1934 - July 13, 2018

Sherman Ceyland Kelley, of Charlotte, a family man of integrity, passed away on July 13, 2018 in Charlotte, at the age of 84. He was born on January 26, 1934 to Ceyland and Edla (Sherman) Kelley in Charlotte, MI. Sherm attended Charlotte High School, graduating in 1952. On January 9, 1954 he married Marcelyn Baker in Charlotte. Following High School he joined the U.S. Army where he became an instructor for soldiers during basic training, preparing them for the Korean War.

Sherman worked for General Motors for over 30 years retiring in 1987 as a Plant Superintendent. His coworkers remember Sherm as a likeable, gentle person who could be tough when needed. It was through his fair treatment for all that he earned the respect of his co-workers. For a number of years he was active on the General Motors Supervisors Council, at one time serving as it's Chairman.

Sherm loved spending time with his family. As a loyal U of M fan in a divided household he often traded barbs with his son and granddaughters over MSU sports. He was also a loyal fan of the Detroit Tigers. He loved traveling with his family throughout the United States. Marcelyn remarked that they had traveled to 49 of the United States. Their favorite ones were Hawaii and Alaska. Sherm and Marcelyn were active through their church participating in numerous work camp mission trips over the years. Above all Sherm was most

proud of his family, his children and grandchildren.

Sherman is survived by his wife, Marcelyn; daughter, Kimberly (Randy) Howe; son, Kris (Jan) Kelley; two granddaughters, Melissa (Sivad) Howard, Skye Kelley; two grandsons, Jason Whetstone, Chandler Kelley; 2 great-grandchildren, Ashton Whetstone and Londyn Howard; and sister, Darlene (Dwight) Pierce. He was preceded in death by father, Ceyland Earl Kelley; mother, Edla Marie Kelley; and brother, Darwin Earl Kelley.

Visitation is Tuesday, July 17, 2018, 2-4:00 PM & 6-8:00 PM at Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte, MI. Visitation on Wednesday, July 18, 2018, 10:00 AM with services to follow at 11:00 AM at the Lawrence Avenue United Methodist Church, Charlotte, MI, with Rev. Gary Wales officiating. If desired, the family suggests memorials to Lawrence Avenue United Methodist Church or Heartland Hospice of Michigan. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte. Family and friends are encouraged to share remembrances and condolences online in Sherman's Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 17. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home
401 W. Seminary St.
Charlotte, MI 48813

Visitation

JUL 17. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Charlotte, MI 48813

Visitation

JUL 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Lawrence Ave. United Methodist Church
210 E. Lawrence Ave.
Charlotte, MI 48813

Funeral Ceremony

JUL 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Charlotte, MI 48813

Tribute Wall



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Sherman Ceyland Kelley



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - July 17, 2018 at 09:42 AM

SK

This is very nice tribute to my gramps! Thank you Pray funeral for making this!

skye kelley - July 17, 2018 at 09:59 AM

JK

A beautiful tribute to a life well lived! Thank you Pray funeral home!

jan kelley - July 17, 2018 at 10:09 AM

VS

“ My sincere condolences to the family. I miss you all.

Vasa

Vasa Sindolic - November 21, 2018 at 06:21 AM

SS

“ I have fond summer memories of the times I spent vacationing with the Kelley's, Combs and Monks, at Glen Lake. Sherman was a steady presence and I know he will be missed. Please accept our sincere condolences. Steve and Nancy Shaver

Steve Shaver - July 28, 2018 at 08:55 PM

RB

“ We miss Sherm ,we were happy we were able to visit and to play cards the month before his passing. Sherm was a good friend and we had lots of good laughs and times when he was living in Hawthorne of Leesburg Florida. Marcie sorry for your loss and am sure you know we loved you both.

Richard and Janet Babcock - July 19, 2018 at 07:09 PM

AT

“ AG Twitchell lit a candle in memory of Sherman Ceyland Kelley



AG Twitchell - July 18, 2018 at 05:39 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Sherman Ceyland Kelley .



July 17, 2018 at 01:06 PM



“ 38 files added to the album Life Tributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - July 17, 2018 at 08:39 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Sherman Ceyland Kelley .



July 16, 2018 at 08:47 PM



“ Love, Briane, Tee and Natrielle purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Sherman Ceyland Kelley .



Love, Briane, Tee and Natrielle - July 16, 2018 at 11:59 AM

RR

“ Uncle Sherm, was always fun to be around. I am so glad that I got to spend a half hour or so with him last Wednesday evening. I got to hear a couple good stories from him. It was nice to see him before he was gone.

Rick Raymer

Rick Raymer - July 16, 2018 at 09:53 AM

RT

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to Sherm's family. He was a great partner for me in my first management job at GM. He taught me a lot and got me started off in the right direction. I am forever grateful for that and more so for his friendship.

Randy Thayer - July 16, 2018 at 07:29 AM

AC

“ My sincere sympathy to Sherm's family. He was a very good man and I'm certain that his loss will be profound for his family. I always admired Sherm as a great manager at the Olds. He treated his people well and did more than his share to get those beautiful cars built right and to our customers. It was a pleasure for me to be a part of his team at GM. RIP Sherm.

Andy Campbell - July 15, 2018 at 09:35 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Sherman Ceyland Kelley .



July 15, 2018 at 09:10 AM

TL

“ I will always remember Uncle Sherm having a big smile anytime I visited. He always told shelby that she must of been from Boston by the way she would say.(Aunt Marcie and Uncle Sherm). He will surely be missed but not forgotten. . Praying for the whole family thru this difficult time and always.
love u guys Tammy and Chris Line and family

Tamara Line - July 14, 2018 at 10:59 PM

MH

We love you Tammy! You'll always be a part of our family!

Melissa Howard - July 15, 2018 at 12:32 PM

DA

Sherm was always the same. A very nice person. He will be missed.

Donna Allen - July 15, 2018 at 04:14 PM

JD

I knew Sherm mostly through church. He was a quiet but friendly man. I didn't hear of his passing until after the funeral. He will be missed by many and especially his family. Jean DeWalt

Jean DeWalt - July 19, 2018 at 11:55 AM

MH

“ I have a million memories I could share about my grandpa. He was the most amazing man. He was such a family man. Growing up my brother and I got to experience so many things that most kids never to get do. We had so many camping trips, summers at the lake, spring breaks spent in Gulf Shores Alabama and the list goes on and on. My grandpa was kind to everyone he met. He ALWAYS said I love you before we hung up the phone. I will miss him so much but it brings me peace knowing that he is in heaven walking with Jesus while keeping an eye on my grandma down here. I love you grandpa!

Melissa Howard - July 14, 2018 at 08:12 PM